- 1 me that is all we are interested in.
- We are not interested, as I have indicated, in
- 3 what discussions took place between the staff and among the
- 4 staff as to whether the contacts with Rainbow were ex parte
- or not, because that was not communicated to Rainbow. So,
- 6 therefore, it could not have affected Rainbow, whether they
- 7 acted intentionally or not. It could not have affected
- 8 their state of mind or their actions.
- 9 MR. EISEN: I think that this is *** #349
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Well, tell me how? Tell me why
- 11 you disagree?
- 12 MR. EISEN: I believe the facts and circumstances
- 13 surrounding the discussions that allegedly took place, that
- 14 did take place, also track back to the Commission staff's
- 15 willingness to discuss matters with Rainbow. And I know
- 16 what you are saying and I understand that. And I think
- there is a certain line which you can transcend and end up
- in irrelevant matter.
- 19 But I do think that there are situations here,
- 20 possible situations, where the reactions of the Commission
- 21 staff, among themselves, were reflected in the contacts that
- 22 Press made with the Commission staff. And I think that
- there is relevance to state of mind, in Ms. Polivy's state
- of mind, or any Press principal's state of mind.
- 25 JUDGE CHACHKIN: From what do you --

- 1 MR. EISEN: Based on the way she perceived the
- 2 Commission staff's reaction to her contacts.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Well, then, she could only
- 4 perceive what she knew about.
- 5 MR. EISEN: Yes.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: And the only thing she knew about
- 7 was what was communicated to her.
- 8 MR. EISEN: Yes.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: She would not know what took
- 10 place among the staff internally.
- 11 MR. EISEN: Right.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: And that, obviously, could not
- have affected her actions one way or the other.
- MR. EISEN: But the way the Commission staff
- 15 discussed this internally could have been portrayed to
- 16 Ms. Polivy.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Well, I am saying, insofar as the
- 18 communications with Ms. Polivy, certainly, that is relevant.
- 19 Insofar as the Commission staff discussed these matters
- 20 internally and did not communicate this to Ms. Polivy, that
- is totally irrelevant. I do not know how that could be
- 22 relevant.
- 23 MR. EISEN: Your Honor, I think if the Commission
- 24 staff independently --
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Yes.

- 1 MR. EISEN: -- decided that it was not an ex parte
- 2 contact or a violation of an ex parte contact, then that
- 3 reflects on the relationship in these telephone calls
- 4 between Ms. Polivy and the staff.
- 5 JUDGE CHACHKIN: I do not understand that.
- 6 MR. EISEN: Well, it is not easy to articulate,
- 7 okay? I understand that. I think that Ms. Polivy, to the
- 8 extent that she contacted or any Press principal contacted a
- 9 member of the Commission staff, the attitude of the
- 10 Commission staff, as reflected by internal discussions that
- 11 they may have had with other members of the staff, is
- 12 relevant.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: As far as I know, the only
- 14 contacts, as you say, between most of the members of the
- 15 Commission staff and Ms. Polivy, occurred at this meeting.
- 16 MR. EISEN: No, there were other contacts.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Oh, there were contacts with
- 18 individuals.
- 19 MR. EISEN: Right.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Apparently, there were contacts
- 21 with Mr. Gordon.
- MR. EISEN: Correct.
- 23 JUDGE CHACHKIN: A number of contacts with
- 24 Mr. Gordon. And, certainly, you can argue that is relevant,
- the contacts between Mr. Gordon and Ms. Polivy. Then, we

- 1 have the communication with Ms. Cook and Mr. Stewart.
- 2 MR. EISEN: Right.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: And there, again, it was a
- 4 telephone conversation. And then, apparently, there was a
- 5 telephone conversation between Ms. Polivy and Mr. Pendarvis.
- And, certainly, that is relevant. And then, we have this
- 7 meeting which took place. And, besides that, what else is
- 8 relevant?
- 9 MR. EISEN: Well, I think if the Commission
- 10 staff --
- 11 JUDGE CHACHKIN: What is relevant? What, what?
- MR. EISEN: If the Commission staff believed that
- 13 this was not a violation, I think that is relevant with
- regard to Ms. Polivy's state of mind?
- 15 JUDGE CHACHKIN: How could that be relevant to
- 16 Ms. Polivy's state of mind?
- 17 MR. EISEN: Because they discussed things in the
- 18 open. There was no --
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Now, wait a minute, wait a
- 20 minute. The only thing that could affect Ms. Polivy's state
- of mind is what was communicated to her by Commission staff.
- 22 And the only meeting -- there was one meeting that took
- 23 place. Now, what took place between the staff discussions,
- 24 between the staff, between Gordon and Pendarvis, or
- 25 Pendarvis and Stewart and Kreisman, is irrelevant. It has

- nothing to do with whether Ms. Polivy or Rainbow
- 2 intentionally violated the Rules.
- 3 MR. EISEN: Well, if the staff believes --
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: I do not know how, unless by some
- form of osmosis, she was able to somehow feel, in the
- 6 atmosphere in the room, that there was a feeling on the
- 7 staff that this was not ex parte --
- 8 MR. EISEN: I think that that is relevant.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: -- but this is a field we are not
- dealing with in this hearing. As far as I know, we are not
- dealing with that subject of -- what do you call it? What
- is the subject whereby you can detect --
- MS. FARHAT: Transference?
- MR. COLE: ESP.
- MR. EISEN: ESP.
- 16 JUDGE CHACHKIN: ESP. We are not dealing with ESP
- in this.
- MR. EISEN: No, it is not ESP.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: We are dealing with what was
- 20 communicated.
- 21 MR. EISEN: It is not ESP, but it is the attitude
- of the Commission staff.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: What do you mean by "attitude"?
- MR. EISEN: It has a bearing on whether Ms. Polivy
- 25 reasonably views the --

1	JUDGE CHACHKIN: But the only
2	MR. EISEN: filing under the Rules.
3	JUDGE CHACHKIN: But the only attitude that could
4	be possibly relevant is what was communicated. Now, if you
5	want to talk about the body language, that this took place
6	at the meeting, the way the conversation took place or what
7	was said I mean, if you could describe it in English, I
8	guess you could testify to that.
9	MR. EISEN: Yeah
10	JUDGE CHACHKIN: But outside, outside of what
11	internal discussions took place between the Commission staff
12	has nothing to do with the actions of Ms. Polivy.
13	MR. EISEN: But that position I think assumes that
14	there was a completely objective staff in a room without
15	regard to the Commission's rules which was just simply there
16	to listen to whatever argument Ms. Polivy and her client
17	made on the merits of the application.
18	JUDGE CHACHKIN: I'm not saying that.
19	MR. EISEN: And that's not the case.
20	JUDGE CHACHKIN: I'm not saying
21	MR. EISEN: I mean, there's a background to the
22	reactions of the staff to Ms. Polivy's contacts and I think
23	that is relevant because I think it impacts upon her
24	expected state of mind. Was she I'm certainly not

alleging she was led into something, but to the extent that

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- she felt comfortable and to the extent that there was a
- 2 reason that the Commission had to make her feel comfortable
- 3 I think is relevant to her state of mind.
- MR. MOSKOWITZ: Your Honor, if I might. This
- isn't an ex parte letter that came in over the transom
- 6 unsolicited. This is a meeting between two parties, almost
- 7 a meeting of minds. And to the extent that it reflects on
- 8 the reasonableness of Ms. Polivy's actions or intent, I
- 9 think the intent of the other party, the reasonableness of
- 10 that intent.
- 11 JUDGE CHACHKIN: What is the intent of the other
- 12 party?
- MR. MOSKOWITZ: The mere fact of the meeting. In
- other words, the fact that they had the meeting, that they
- 15 allowed the meeting to just get an admission from the
- 16 Commission staff that the ex parte was non-existent, the
- 17 violation --
- MR. BLOCK: Your Honor?
- MR. EISEN: Furthermore, there can very well be
- testimony, and I think it's already reflected in the record
- 21 if I may say. We have transcripts of the various IG
- 22 reports, investigations and interviews, that there's a real
- 23 question as to whether or not the staff believed there was
- 24 an ex parte violation here. And to the extent that there
- 25 was doubt in the minds of the staff, I think that redounds

- 1 to the state of mind of Ms. Polivy.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: No. In the first place, the
- 3 issue reads determine whether Rainbow intentionally violated
- 4 Section 1.128 and 1.120 of the Commission's ex parte rules
- 5 by soliciting a third party to call the Commission. Now, at
- 6 that time there had not been any discussions with the
- 7 Commission staff. So we're talking about Polivy getting
- 8 Cook or whoever got Cook to make the phone call.
- 9 MR. EISEN: There had been discussions prior to
- 10 that.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: And Mr. Gordon.
- MR. EISEN: Right.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Apparently informed Ms. Polivy
- 14 that he could not discuss anything of substance because it
- 15 was violation of exparte.
- MR. EISEN: That's my understand.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: All right. We have that. And
- 18 the next question is and by meeting with Commission staff.
- 19 So the onus is on why did Ms. Polivy meet with the
- 20 Commission staff to discuss the merits? That's the onus
- 21 here. and that's what the Commission is concerned about,
- 22 not even what took place at this meeting except for the fact
- 23 that there was a discussion of the merits. But why did Ms.
- 24 Polivy meet with the Commission staff.
- MR. EISEN: Right. And all I'm saying is that the

- 1 issue's broad enough --
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: And certainly what took place at
- 3 the meeting could have no bearing on why she met with the
- 4 Commission staff. She was the one who arranged the meeting
- 5 with the Commission staff.
- Now, the question is why did she meet with the
- 7 Commission staff? Did she meet with the Commission staff
- 8 knowing that there was a violation of the ex parte rules by
- 9 meeting with the Commission staff? That's what the issue
- 10 calls for.
- And it has nothing to do with whether the staff
- 12 mistakenly assume that the ex parte rules were violated or
- not. We're dealing with the actions here in arranging a
- 14 meeting with the Commission staff and having Ms. Cook call
- the Commission staff in light of the fact that the managing
- director had written a letter to Ms. Polivy saying that it
- 17 was a violation of the ex parte rules and also in light of
- 18 Mr. Gordon's warnings that a discussion of merits was a
- 19 violation. He couldn't discuss it because of the ex parte
- 20 rules. that's what the issue focuses on.
- 21 MR. EISEN: I agree.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: It doesn't focus on discussions
- amongst the staff as to whether or not meeting with
- Ms. Polivy would be a violation of the ex parte rules. It
- focuses on the actions of Rainbow and its principles and

- agents in arranging these meetings and in taking part in
- 2 these meetings.
- MR. BLOCK: Your Honor, we agree exactly with what
- 4 you've said on -- from our point of view, the Commission and
- 5 the Court have already decided that there was a violation.
- 6 The only question is what did Ms. Polivy know, when did she
- 7 know it and what was her intention in going forward? And
- 8 that was only, we agree with you, that can only come from a
- 9 communication that she received. There's no question that
- 10 she met with the staff.
- So the question the staff was willing to meet with
- her is a given. And maybe the staff was wrong. But you're
- absolutely right that the focus of this entire proceeding is
- on her state of mind of Mr. Ray or the principal. What they
- knew and when they knew it is really the only issue here.
- 16 The staff communications are a window into her mind to that
- 17 extent. We believe we said in our filing that any questions
- 18 regarding how the staff handled the matter internally or the
- 19 propriety of the staff's conclusions is beyond the scope of
- 20 the issue.
- MR. EISEN: Well, I certainly agree, Your Honor,
- that the propriety of the staff's conclusions is not an
- issue. However, I think that window can be opened enough to
- 24 explore the crux of the Commission staff that were effective
- insofar as they relate to Ms. Polivy's contacts. I think

- 1 the internal discussions and the way they perceive the rule
- 2 has a lot to do with the way Ms. Polivy proceeded in this
- 3 case.
- 4 JUDGE CHACHKIN: How does this have any bearing on
- 5 the decision to have Ms. Cook contact the Commission? Has
- it any bearing on the decision of Ms. Polivy to call
- 7 Mr. Stewart and arrange a meeting? How is it any bearing on
- 8 the decision of Ms. Polivy to attempt to discuss the merits
- 9 if she did with Mr. Stewart? How does it have any bearing
- 10 on Mr. Gordon's telling her and Mr. Sandifer telling her
- 11 that this follows the ex parte rules? How does this have
- any bearing what the staff determined among itself later on
- when they agreed to meet?
- 14 The issue focuses on what Rainbow did and why they
- did it. And did they have knowledge of the ex parte rules?
- 16 And in light of that, why did they meet and why did they
- 17 arrange these meetings and why did they have Ms. Cook call
- 18 Mr. Stewart? That's what the issue focuses on.
- 19 So all this Freedom of Information request dealing
- 20 with the actions internally by and between the staff seems
- 21 to me totally irrelevant to the issue framed by the
- 22 Commission? And that's why it seems to me to coin a phrase
- 23 it seems to me the parties are making a Megillah of
- something that's which is a very simple issue as the
- 25 Commission phrased it.

- Now, Mr. Cole, if you have any differences of what
- 2 I've said, I'd like to hear it.
- MR. COLE: Your Honor, by and large I agree with
- 4 you in separated trial staff with one caveat. And that is
- 5 the focus of the discussion this morning has been primarily
- on Ms. Polivy's decision to contact Mr. Stewart and
- 7 Ms. Polivy's decision to call on Ms. Cook's assistance.
- I am concerned and hope to explore in some detail
- 9 the precise nature of Ms. Cook's conversations with
- 10 Mr. Stewart and the impact that that had. Because as we all
- 11 know, Ms. Cook was a highly influential senate staffer at
- the time and had just withdrawn her name from consideration
- as being chairman of this agency. And obviously the impact
- of a call from her could reasonably be assumed to have a
- greater impact than if Ms. Polivy had called herself or if
- 16 Mr. Ray had called himself.
- 17 And I am concerned about what the possible
- ramifications of Ms. Cook calling as opposed to Ms. Polivy
- 19 calling. In the first place, because Ms. Cook's call was as
- I see the chronology, what set everything in motion as far
- 21 as leading up to the meeting. In other words, there was the
- denial of the applications. Ms. Polivy apparently contacted
- 23 Ms. Cook. Ms. Cook made the first contact with Mr. Stewart.
- 24 And lo and behold there was a meeting within a week or
- 25 thereabouts.

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- 2 going to conduct discovery to find out exactly how much the
- 3 principles knew and how they participated and all the rest.
- 4 MR. COLE: That's correct. The caveat I'm saying
- 5 is that I would like to reserve the right to explore in some
- 6 greater detail the precise content of the conversation
- 7 between Stewart and Cook. And to the extent there were
- 8 communications between Mr. Stewart and Ms. Kreisman or
- 9 Mr. Pendaris or Mr. Gordon or any or all of them concerning
- 10 what Ms. Cook told Mr. Stewart, I think that would be
- 11 relevant.
- MR. EISEN: Well, I agree with that.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Well, do you mean what
- 14 Mr. Stewart told Mr. Pendarvis and Ms. Kreisman he was told
- by Ms. Cook would be second hand hearsay or something? I
- 16 don't understand where you're going to go with that. You
- certainly could ask Mr. Stewart if there's any question.
- 18 Although reading all the material it seems to me the nature
- 19 of the conversation which was very brief between Ms. Cook
- 20 and Mr. Stewart is not that much in dispute as I understand
- it. What we're interested in is why Ms. Cook in the first
- 22 place made the call. That's the focus.
- MR. BLOCK: If I might add, Your Honor, we're
- interested in what Ms. Polivy told Ms. Cook, not what
- 25 Ms. Cook told -- not what Mr. Stewart told Mr. Ken Darvis

- 1 about it.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: That's right. That's where the
- focus is. The actions of Rainbow, its principles, its
- 4 agents. That's the focus. And that's why all this, the
- 5 huge Freedom of Information question the Commission seems to
- 6 me -- so when you say it's going to take a long time to get
- 7 the information under FOIA, my question is why do we need
- 8 that information if all we're talking, if it's irrelevant in
- 9 the first place to the issue framed by the Commission?
- MR. BLOCK: Your Honor, if I may speak to that for
- 11 a second. I must confess lack of familiarity with how we go
- about objecting to overboard FOIA under the rules. But
- we'll explore that and we'll see if there's a method by
- 14 which we can agree or not agree to some of the production.
- Any dispute about the relevance we'll bring back to you as
- 16 your role as Presiding Officer here.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Well, whatever the Commission
- 18 decides to hand over, it seems to me it could be voluminous
- 19 data, but I don't see how it's relevant to what took place,
- 20 transaction here. But there was correspondence certainly to
- 21 Rainbow that's relevant. If it deals with internal matters,
- 22 that's not relevant. It didn't bear on the actions of
- 23 Rainbow.
- MR. SILBERMAN: May I make a suggestion, Your
- 25 Honor?

- 1 JUDGE CHACHKIN: Yes.
- 2 MR. SILBERMAN: The FOIA request was filed on
- 3 behalf of Rainbow Broadcasting Company, Rainbow Broadcasting
- 4 Limited and Press Broadcasting Company. And I would just
- 5 ask if counsel for Rainbow Broadcasting Company and Press
- 6 Broadcasting Company would consider narrowing the focus of
- 7 the letter to coincide with the Judge's ruling today on the
- 8 scope of the issue. And that probably will resolve a lot of
- 9 matters. It will probably hasten if I might add the
- 10 response of the Commission to responding to the FOIA
- 11 request.
- MR. EISEN: I think that's a good suggestion. We
- don't need to prepare to do it.
- MR. COLE: I have no problem with that, Your
- 15 Honor. Except I should point out that I believe the
- 16 Commission's initial response to our FOIA request is due
- 17 today. And so we may actually have some information now
- because it's entirely possible what we're going to get is
- 19 there are not documents that the Commission could find. And
- 20 if that's the case, then we can move forward secure in the
- 21 knowledge that there are no documents.
- MR. BLOCK: All right. If I may just put a
- 23 footnote on it, I'd just check the rules, 1.313, protective
- orders covers all procedures through 1.325, which
- 25 incorporates, by reference, the FOIA. So we -- the FOIA

- 1 powers. So we believe that, Your Honor, that's a protective
- order power to prevent abuse or overboard discovery under
- 3 protective order powers.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Well, apparently there's going to
- 5 be a response today. It's a little late, too late for me to
- 6 act now.
- 7 MR. BLOCK: The response also may be, you know, to
- 8 ask for more time or whatever.
- 9 MR. SILBERMAN: Your Honor, at this point, if the
- 10 Commission's response today is that the staff needs more
- 11 time to put the information together, then might not Rainbow
- 12 and Press reconsider and narrow the focus of that? They can
- hasten the release of the information?
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Well, as Mr. Cole says in all
- 15 likelihood they have no documents. So it could be the end
- of the matter.
- 17 MR. COOK: I think in response to Mr. Silberman's
- 18 suggestion, certainly Press is willing to take that up with
- 19 Rainbow and try to tailor it down as necessary to move this
- 20 case along.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: All right. Now, as far as
- 22 discovery goes as I say of Rainbow under the issues, and
- there are also many other issues, as I understand it there
- 24 has been motions to produce directed to Rainbow?
- MR. COOK: That's correct, Your Honor.

- JUDGE CHACHKIN: And I guess the response is not
- 2 due yet.
- MR. COOK: I think it's due the 12th.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Due the 12th. And then we're
- 5 going to have some depositions I assume of Rainbow
- 6 principles and also perhaps Rainbow's agents. And perhaps
- 7 Ms. Cook. All right. That, that -- so how long will this
- 8 all take? What are we talking about here, a month? I mean,
- 9 it doesn't seem to me that we're dealing with many deponents
- here and possibly five Commission employees I indicate
- should not take very long because I'm told, I've indicated
- to the parties the limits if I do grant a request, the way
- 13 the matter is going to be delimited.
- 14 MR. EISEN: I'll also just note as I said before
- 15 that there were a fairly substantial amount of Rainbow
- 16 within partners. I don't know what, I am not getting off on
- 17 that tangent again, but that's a number of persons who I
- 18 suppose would be potential deponents.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Well, Mr. Cole's going to have to
- 20 demonstrate to me that they have relevant testimony. I
- 21 mean, I could speculate that I assume these limited partners
- 22 have agreed to supply a certain amount of money to Rainbow
- to go forward with construction and the operation of the
- 24 station, to provide instead of the use of debt financing,
- 25 equity financing.

1	And if that's the case, there certainly will be no
2	need to depose all these individuals. I don't know if one
3	has agreed to provide more money than the other or it's just
4	equal shares. I mean, but again I'm just speculating. I
5	don't know what the facts are. But again, Rainbow at this
6	stage is only to get their names, identify who they are and
7	we'll have to see where we go from there whether I allow to
8	depose them or not.
9	I mean, if they're all going to, have the same
10	testimony, namely that they agree to provide X number of
11	dollars, there'd be no basis to pose all 36 of them or
12	whatever amount there is. But we'll just have to wait and
13	see what the situation is.
14	MR. SILBERMAN: Your Honor, on that subject let me
15	just give you a preview of kind of what I have in mind. We
16	have asked for a number of financially related documents in
17	our document production request that should give us some
18	idea as to when the various limited partners came into the
19	partnership. As you know, there was a financial
20	misrepresentation issue which relates to representations
21	made by Rainbow during the course of 1991 concerning its
22	financial qualifications.
23	What we are interested in finding out is when the
24	limited partners actually have been contacted, were
25	committed, were signed up to provide funds. Because if

- 1 Rainbow was telling the Commission it was relying on equity
- funding in 1991, but the people who actually provided the
- money didn't even learn of Rainbow's existence on the face
- 4 of the planet until 1993, that certainly raises the question
- 5 as to whether or not Rainbow's representations were truthful
- 6 in 1991.
- 7 That's the gist of where we're looking to go and
- 8 that's why we may or may not need to depose however many
- 9 limited partners there are to find out when it was they came
- in, what it was they were told, what it was they agreed to
- do and when. But as I say, in response to the document
- 12 production request, we may have a much better handle on what
- the scope of discovery is going to be.
- 14 JUDGE CHACHKIN: Mr. Eisen, I guess you don't have
- to make a decision. Are you going to pose this question of
- 16 financial information or are you just haven't decided yet?
- MR. EISEN: I have problems with both the trial
- 18 staff's request for documents and with Press's I think
- there's a possibility that I may discuss with both those
- 20 parties problems I have prior to ten day expiration. Maybe
- 21 we can resolve it informally.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Well, certainly that would be
- 23 beneficial if you could. Well, I was hoping the parties
- 24 today would come -- would give me a trial schedule
- 25 because -- and if there is delays, obviously we may have to

- 1 modify the trial schedule. But I'd like to have a blueprint
- as to how we're proceeding so at least the parties are aware
- 3 that this is not something that's ongoing, can go on
- 4 forever, that there is limitations.
- And so I'm prepared today to establish a trial
- 6 schedule and it seems to me what we're looking at here is
- 7 late May and possibly early June for the hearing. But those
- 8 dates I feel fairly comfortable being able to accomplish all
- 9 the discovery we need and still be ready to go to hearing in
- 10 late May or early June.
- MR. SILBERMAN: May we go off the record, Your
- 12 Honor?
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Yes, we can go off the record.
- 14 (Whereupon, a brief recess was taken.)
- 15 JUDGE CHACHKIN: The following procedural schedule
- has been established for trial of this case and these are
- the dates. Discovery will be completed by May 31st, 1996.
- 18 On June 4th, 1996, the parties putting in a direct case will
- 19 exchange their exhibits and identify those witnesses who
- 20 will testify orally and also shall include a brief summary
- of the nature of their testimony? June 11th, 1996 is a date
- 22 for notification of witnesses for cross examination. There
- 23 need not be any notification of those witnesses previously
- 24 identified as providing oral testimony.
- And the hearing will commence on June 18th, 1996

- at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's Washington, D.C. offices.
- 2 And I might indicate to the parties that while the first day
- 3 we will start at 10:00, in all likelihood all future dates
- 4 will begin at 9:00 a.m.
- One other thing, Mr. Eisen, in my order I ruled
- 6 that Rainbow Broadcasting Limited is not a party since the
- 7 Commission has not named it a party and there's been no
- 8 request for intervention under the rules. Do you know
- 9 whether RBL intends to file a motion to intervene?
- 10 MR. EISEN: I don't know for sure. I think
- there's a possibility that there may be a filing there.
- 12 JUDGE CHACHKIN: From what I can tell from what
- the parties have indicated up to now, there doesn't appear
- 14 to be any opposition to such intervention. Am I reading
- 15 correctly --
- 16 MR. COOK: That's correct, Your Honor.
- 17 JUDGE CHACHKIN: -- the minds of the parties?
- MR. SILBERMAN: That's correct, Your Honor. We
- have no objection to RBL being named the party to proceed.
- 20 JUDGE CHACHKIN: But just since I have no other
- 21 choice as I indicated since the rules require that a motion
- 22 of intervention be filed.
- 23 MR. EISEN: And this would be intervention under
- 24 what, subset E?
- 25 JUDGE CHACHKIN: Well, the rules deal with a

- 1 situation where a party is not, where someone has not been
- 2 named as a party and does not file a request to intervene
- 3 within 30 days there is a provision dealing where the party
- 4 can still request intervention. And there's been an
- 5 indication by the parties that there won't be any
- 6 objections. So in all likelihood it would be granted, but
- 7 the rules do have to be complied with. So if Ms. Polivy
- 8 intends to participate in this hearing, she should file this
- 9 motion as soon as she can.
- 10 MR. EISEN: She'll be delighted to hear that and
- 11 I'll tell her --
- MR. SILBERMAN: Your Honor?
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Yes.
- 14 MR. SILBERMAN: I would like to note for the
- 15 record please that in attendance this morning throughout the
- 16 proceedings was Mr. Charles Dziedzic who is counsel for
- 17 various proposed deponents.
- 18 JUDGE CHACHKIN: All right. Now, I still expect
- 19 the parties to reach as many stipulations as they can. It
- seems to me lots of matters can be stipulated to. And
- 21 proceed hopefully in a non-adversarial fashion as much as
- 22 possible in getting this hearing underway. Anything else
- 23 the parties have to state?
- MR. COOK: One last thing, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Yes.

- 1 MR. COOK: Mr. Eisen served his document
- 2 production request on Press, but it appears to be styled in
- 3 what I will characterize the old fashioned way of asking
- 4 Your Honor to issue an order. And I've told Mr. Eisen this
- 5 morning that I'm perfectly prepared to treat it as a new
- fashioned one and save Your Honor the trouble of issuing an
- 7 order. So I intend to respond to that in a timely fashion
- 8 which is, what, the 12th I believe?
- 9 MR. EISEN: Well -- day. Whatever.
- MR. COOK: Okay.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: All right. That's the new
- fashioned way that the motions are filed directly with the
- 13 party, not the presiding judge.
- MR. EISEN: Well, actually the rule is permissive.
- 15 It says that motions need not be filed with the Presiding
- 16 Officer. It doesn't say you can't.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Well, you can file a motion with
- me, but to the attention of him. You can send me a copy if
- 19 you want, but I don't act on it. All right. Anything
- 20 further? I remain available to parties who need me for any
- 21 conferences to in any way expedite this proceeding. But if
- not, we're in recess now until June 18th.
- 23 (Whereupon, a brief recess was taken.)
- 24 JUDGE CHACHKIN: Back on the record. I noticed
- there was a request made that if depositions of Commission

- 1 employees are taken that it should be taken before me to
- avoid any hopefully, to void any disputes as to the nature
- of the testimony. It would seem to me I've made clear today
- 4 what I consider to be relevant. So it doesn't seem to have
- 5 necessary for me to preside over deposition sessions. But,
- of course, as questions come up, parties can call me at my
- 7 office and I'll give them a quick ruling. But I think I
- 8 told the parties what I consider to be relevant. So that it
- 9 shouldn't be necessary. There shouldn't be too many
- 10 disputes about questions asked. And I don't see it's
- 11 necessary for me to preside.
- MR. BLOCK: We appreciate Your Honor's candid
- 13 discussion of relevance.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: All right. Then we're now
- 15 recessed.
- 16 (Whereupon, at 10:06 a.m. the hearing was
- 17 adjourned.)
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